



## Piano Workshop of Plymouth

*"Music gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything" -Plato*

### A Note From Miss Liz

Dear Families,

Our year has gotten off to a great start. I am impressed with the effort students are making. Their practice is paying off with much progress. I am looking forward to their performances in December. Sharing favorite music with friends and family is such an important part of being a musician. I hope you can also attend one of the many performances offered during November and December at the PSU Silver Center.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season!

Musically,

Miss Liz

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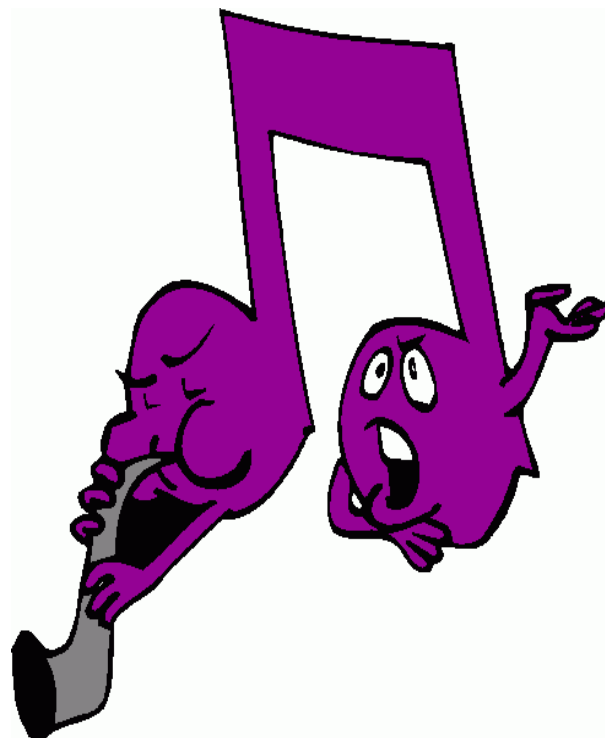
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## Fall Prices

### If paid in total:

30-minute lessons

\$180

45-minute lessons

\$265

### If paid in three installments each will be:

30-minute lessons

\$60

45-minute lessons

\$90

**Second  
Payment  
due Nov.  
15!**

## Composer of the Month: Ludwig van Beethoven

**Birthday:** December 16, 1770

**Died:** March 26, 1827

**Period:** Classical

**Country:** Germany

**Known for:** Musical Innovation

**Happy 242<sup>nd</sup> Birthday, Ludwig!**

### Fun Facts to know:

Beethoven's favorite food was macaroni and cheese. He drank strong coffee made with exactly 60 beans per cup.

Beethoven didn't keep friends because he insulted them. Once, he wrote a piece for an overweight violinist called "Praise to the Fat One."

When Beethoven composed late at night, he would pour pitchers of cold water over his head to stay awake.

Beethoven was so messy and noisy that his landlords didn't like him, and he had to move about twice a year.

Information about Beethoven and a wonderful listening/viewing selection (an animated chess game) is available on our web page at:

<http://www.forallthemusiclovers.com>



## Knock-Your-Socks-Off Funnies!

**Question:** What keyboard do the angels play?

**Answer:** The HARPsichord.

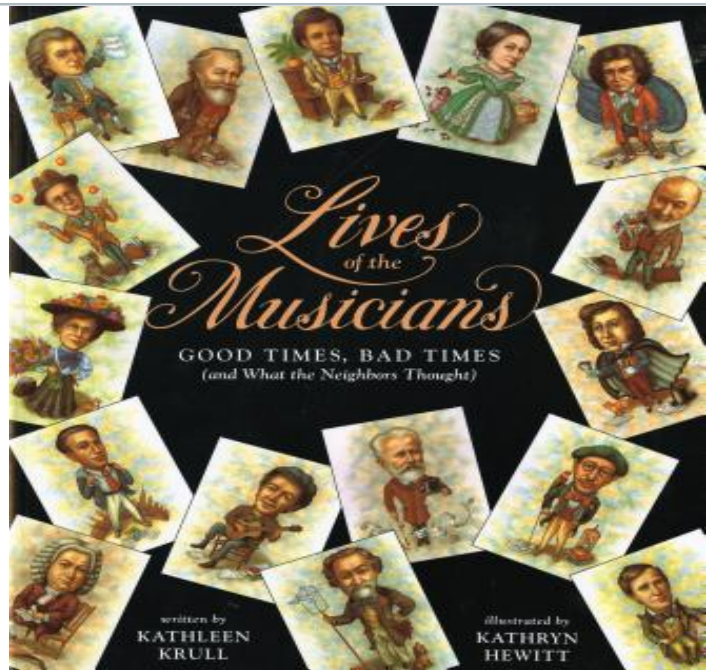
## Looking for a book to read?

### Want it to be funny?

Miss Liz recommends you take a look at:

### **LIVES OF THE MUSICIANS: GOOD TIMES, BAD TIMES (and What the Neighbors Thought)** by Kathleen Krull

“...Fascinating and often humorous stories of twenty famous musicians....beginning with Vivaldi and ending with Woody Guthrie. Lives of the Musicians will appeal to everyone.”



## Keeping in Tune

The piano needs to be kept in tune. Miss Liz's recommendation is that there be two tunings per year —one shortly after the heat is turned on in the fall, and the other shortly after the heat is turned off in the spring!

## November's Word: Trill

Musicians use trills to decorate music the way we use ornaments to make the holidays more special. Trills are usually written with the letters *tr* above a note. When you see this sign, it means to play back and forth between the note and the one above it. A trill used to be called “the shake!”

## December's Word: Carol

Singing carols during the winter holidays is a tradition that goes back hundreds of years. The first carols were written in the 1300's when people danced while they sang the music. Then, carols were popular all year round. By the 1500's, carols became primarily Christmas songs with little dancing during the singing. Some of the carols that we sing today were written more than 700 ago!



## Important Piano Dates 2012-2013

### **PREP RECITALS**

Friday December 14, 7 PM

Sunday December 16, 1:30, 3:00, 7:00

### **TENTATIVE DATES (to be confirmed in January)**

Evaluations: May 11 (scheduled throughout the day)

Recitals: Friday May 10 at 7 PM; Sunday May 12 at 1:30 PM, 3 PM, 7 PM

### **NO LESSON DAYS**

Monday, November 12, Veterans Day

November 21-25, Thanksgiving Break

December 21-January 28, Winter Break

### **PERFORMANCES AT SILVER CENTER**

All New England Choral Festival, November 1, 7 PM

Carleen Graff (piano) and Bozena O'Brien (violin), November 4, 4 PM

All New England Band Festival, November 19, 7 PM

PSU Jazz Ensemble, November 29, 7 PM

PSU Student Chamber Ensembles (piano, flute, and others), December 5, 7 PM



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